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SUBJECT: PLO APPROACH TO VARIOUS WEST EUROPEAN EMBASSIES IN

BEIRUT

REFS: A. DUBLIN 175; B. EC BRUSSELS 597 (NOTAL)

1. WEST GERMAN EMBASSY HERE INFORMED US JAN 29 THAT IT RECENTLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM HEAD OF PLO POLITICAL DEPT, FAROUQ QADDUMI, DESIGNATING TEWFIQ SAFADI, LOCAL PLO/ FATAH FUNCTIONARY WHO CURRENTLY HOLDS POSITION OF SECRETARY, POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS IN LEBANON (CLAP), AS PLO OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FUTURE CONTACTS BETWEEN PLO AND FRG EMBASSY HERE. LETTER REPORTEDLY MADE NO PROPOSALS FOR SPECIFIC PLO-WEST GERMAN CONTACTS, BUT IMPLIED THAT SUCH CONTACTS WOULD BE MADE IN FUTURE. FRG EMBASSY PLANS REFER QADDUMI'S LETTER TO BONN FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REACT.

2. WE HAVE ASCERTAINED FROM BRITISH EMBOFFS THAT ONLY WEST GERMAN, ITALIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES HAVE RECEIVED SUCH LETTERS TO DATE FROM QADDUMI. POSSIBILITY EXISTS, HOWEVER, THAT SIMILAR LETTERS TO EMBASSIES OF OTHER EEC MEMBER STATES MAY STILL BE FILTERING THROUGH CREAKY LEBANESE POSTAL SYSTEM.

3. COMMENT: OCCURS TO US THAT QADDUMI'S LETTERS REPRESENT FURTHER EFFORT BY PLO TO ENHANCE ITS "OFFICIAL" IMAGE AND STATUS IN EYES OF VARIOUS WEST EUROPEAN GOVTS REPRESENTED IN BEIRUT. (TACTIC STRIKES US AS SIMILAR TO THAT EMPLOYED BY QADDUMI IN HIS RECENT LETTER TO SWISS GOVT PROCLAIMING PLO ADHERENCE TO GENEVA CONVENTIONS--SEE BEIRUT 1067 AND 1127 NOTALS.) IN ADDITION, SHOULD EMBASSIES OF OTHER EEC MEMBER STATES REPRESENTED HERE RECEIVE SIMILAR LETTERS, QADDUMI MAY ALSO BE SEEKING TO WIN GREATER EUROPEAN ATTENTION RE NEED FOR PLO PARTICIPATION IN CURRENTLY STALLED EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE.
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